

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter set forth in Groups I and II are directed to a single inventive concept, which should be considered as one invention. Claims of different categories may be permissible in a single application if the claims are directed to a single inventive concept. Applicants submit that the subject matter of Group I and the subject matter of Group II are directed to a fiber reinforced vehicle interior trim product and a process of making that product. Applicants respectfully submit that this single inventive concept should be considered in a single application.

While Applicants have elected Claims 1-10 for initial examination in this application, Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional Application directed to the subject matter of Claims 11-33 at a later date if they so desire.

If the Examiner believes that personal contact would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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